

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-1795

Texas Methodist Episcopal Church

7 Galloway Avenue

Cockeysville, Baltimore County

1912

Private

Located at 7 Galloway Avenue, the Texas Methodist Episcopal Church is representative of the many Gothic Revival style churches constructed throughout Baltimore County in the late 19th and early 20th century. Located a short distance south of Texas, the Methodist Episcopal Church would have served the religious needs of local residents, many of whom were employed in the local industry and lived along the Church Lane corridor to the north of the church.

The Texas Methodist Episcopal Church is a one-and-a-half story, Gothic Revival style building of wood frame construction clad in stucco. The building, which sits on a solid random rubble stone foundation, is capped by a cross gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The L-shaped building fronts east on the south side of Galloway Avenue, features a two-story, one-bay-square entry/bell tower at the intersection of the front and side gable portions of the building. A pyramidal roof, supported by square wood posts and clad in asphalt shingles surmounts the second story of the bell tower. The tower is further ornamented with a turned wood balustrade, spindlework frieze, and scroll-sawn cornerbrackets. A flush vertical board double-leaf wood door with a triangular multi-light leaded transom pierces the east elevation of the tower. The façade, or east elevation, also features two 6/6 windows and one 4/4 window with square-edged wood surrounds, sills, and rectilinear triangular hoods. One multi-light fixed round window is located in the gable peak of the front-gabled portion of the building.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Texas Methodist Episcopal Church

other Texas United Methodist Church

2. Location

street and number 7 Galloway Avenue not for publication

city, town Cockeysville vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church

street and number 7 Galloway Avenue telephone Not Available

city, town Cockeysville state MD zip code 21030

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber Not Available folio Not Available

city, town Towson tax map 51 tax parcel 382 tax ID number 0820066100

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1912

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1912

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Settled as early as 1801 by John Clark, the community now known as Texas, Maryland, was originally referred to as Clark's Switch. Over the next decades, the numerous quarries and mining opportunities surrounding the area drew many people to the settlement at Clark's Switch, which was soon known as Clarksville, and then as Ellengowan.¹ Throughout the 19th century, Texas was well known as a center for limestone quarries.

The quarrying of Texas limestone for commercial investment began in 1804. The availability of this resource meant prosperity not only for local builders, but also for local farmers, for a large amount of Texas limestone was burned to produce lime for the conditioning of soil. From 1804 until 1840, the quarrying of limestone around Texas increased dramatically, resulting in a total of roughly 50 limestone kilns in operation during the last half of the 19th century. In 1877 alone, there were no fewer than 42 lime kilns in or near the center of Texas, most of which were situated along the Northern Central Railway near the town's railroad station. This latter fact is probably due to the ease with which the final product could be shipped out of Texas for distribution and sale to other parts of the county.²

By the mid-19th century, the community was officially known as Texas. Its change in name was apparently spurred by a nationalistic fervor that overtook the area during the Mexican-American War.³ The industrial

¹ The Heritage Committee of the Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., *The Limestone Valley* (Timonium, MD: The Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., 1976), p. 31.

² The Heritage Committee of the Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., *The Limestone Valley* (Timonium, MD: The Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., 1976), p. 129; see also *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), p. 47.

³ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850), n.p.; see also John McGrain, *From Pig Iron to Cotton Duck: A History of Manufacturing Villages in Baltimore County* (Towson, MD: Baltimore County Public Library, 1985), p. 324, and The Heritage Committee of the Greater Timonium American

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opportunity in the town led to an increasing population in Texas. In 1881, the town's population had reached 649, nearly two and one-half times that of Cockeysville, which was located only one mile to the north. Although no employment statistics exist for this time period, it is probable that the local quarries or kilns employed the majority of the residents of Texas. With increasing interests in the quarrying of limestone and its location along the Northern Central Railway, Texas then needed to accommodate the needs of its citizens. In 1852, St. Joseph's Catholic Church was founded. To meet the educational needs of children in the town, a schoolhouse was erected prior to 1877 along Beaver Dam Road. In addition, the Baltimore County Poor House was built in 1873 just east of Texas and York Road.⁴

The residential population of Texas lived primarily along the Church Lane corridor, perpendicular to the Northern Central Railway line through the town. Even with its strong economic growth from the 1860s through the 1880s, the citizens of Texas occupied only a small geographic area around the thriving commercial center of the railroad station. Although a few of the more wealthy citizens of the town had larger, more rural properties along other improved and unimproved roads that encircled the town, the vast majority of residential structures were built at the heart of the town.⁵

By the early 20th century, the community increased its density without expanding its borders. The town continued to thrive along Church Lane. It was at this point that, in an effort to answer the religious needs of some of the local residents, the Texas Methodist Episcopal Church was constructed on Galloway Avenue, to the south of Church Lane. The Gothic Revival style, in which the church was designed, was commonly used for the planning of religious buildings throughout the county.

With increased commercial development to the north of Baltimore City in the mid- and late 20th century, however, the population and building stock of Texas has begun a decline. The removal of the grade crossing along Church Lane now prevents passage from York Road through to Beaver Dam Road, and the residential community has been effectively cut off from the surrounding area. Additionally, an increasing number of properties have been purchased and developed by quarry interests, and much of the 19th and early 20th century residential buildings have been demolished.

Bicentennial Committee, Inc., *The Limestone Valley* (Timonium, MD: The Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., 1976), p. 31.

⁴ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County from the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of their Representative Men* (Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1881), p. 882.

⁵ *Atlas of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), p.47.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acres
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Cockeysville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1912, the Texas Methodist Episcopal Church has been associated with lot 7, tax parcel 382 of map 51 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	April 30, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Account Identifier: District - 08 Account Number - 0820066100

Owner Information

Owner Name: TRUSTEES OF THE M E CHURCH Use: EXEMPT COMMERCIAL
Principal Residence: NO
Mailing Address: 7 GALLOWAY AV Deed Reference: 1)
COCKEYSVILLE MD 21030 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address
GALLOWAY AVE

Legal Description
LT 7
GALLOWAY PLAT

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
51	17	382					7	81	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas Town
Ad Valorem
Tax Class

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
0000		1.00 SF	01
Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of	Phase-in Assessments	
		01/01/2002	07/01/2004	07/01/2005
Land:	123,500	123,500		
Improvements:	77,000	77,000		
Total:	200,500	200,500	200,500	NOT AVAIL
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	NOT AVAIL

Transfer Information

Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2004	07/01/2005
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: COUNTY AND STATE
Exempt Class: CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES, & PARSONAGES

Special Tax Recapture:

* NONE *

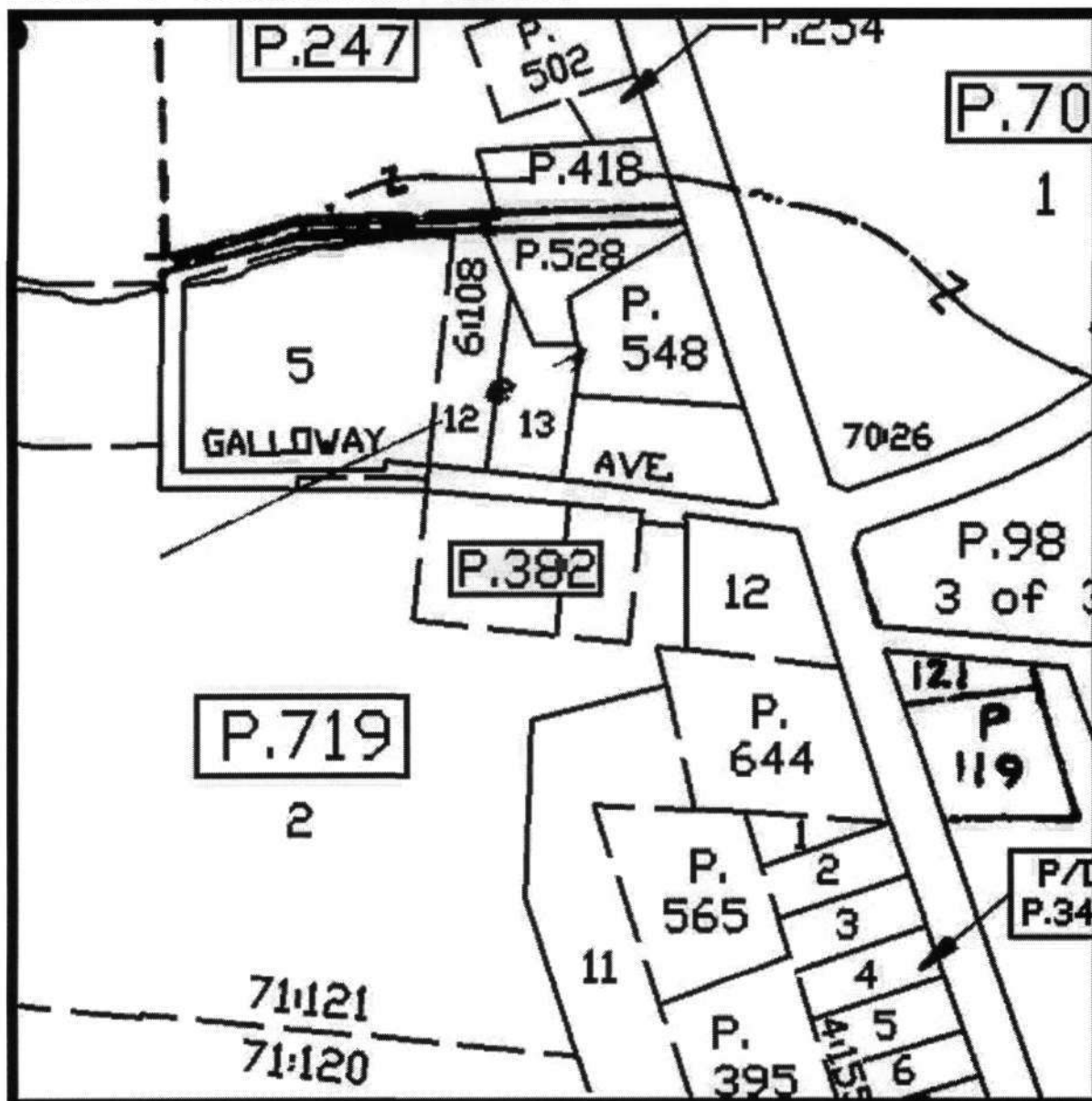
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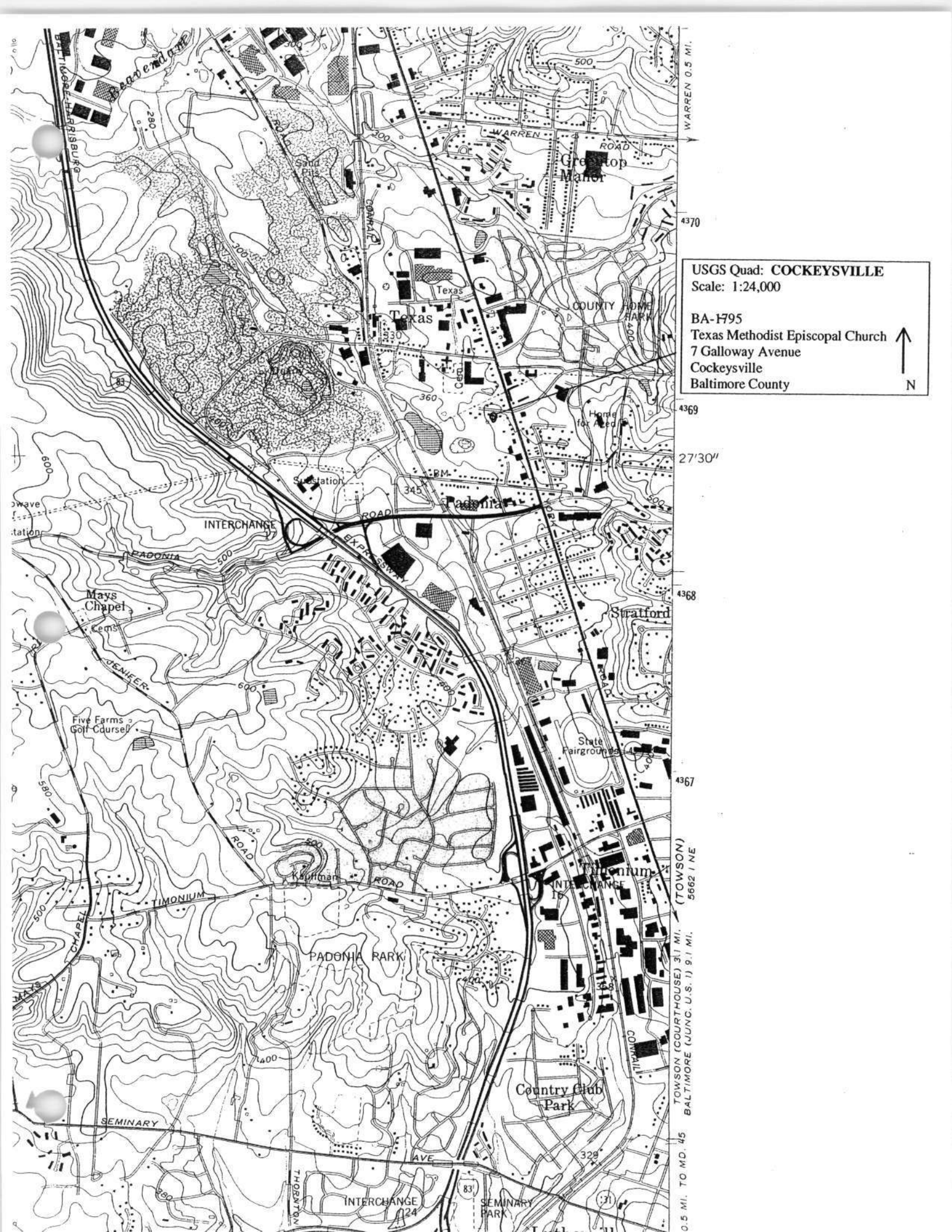
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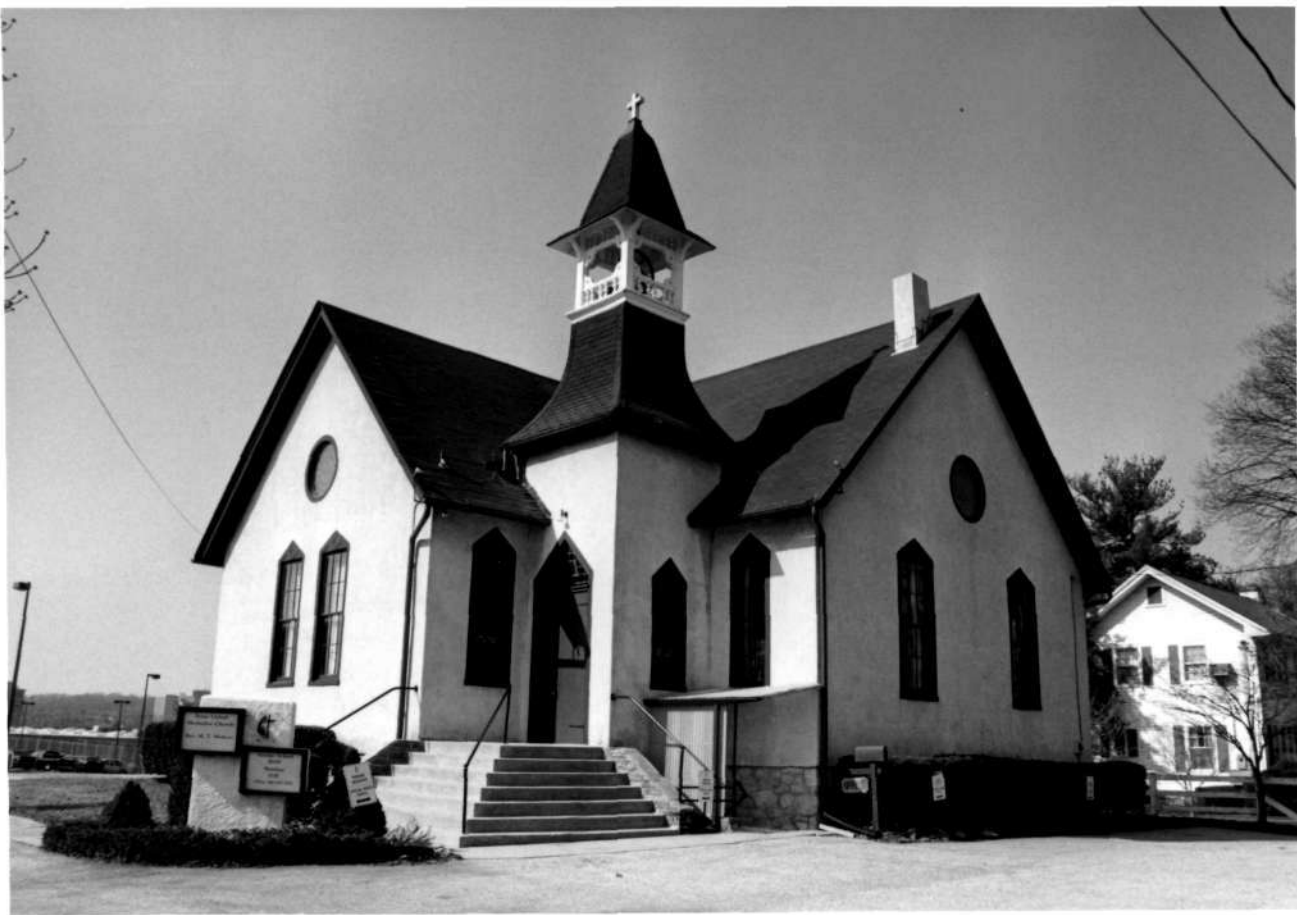


USGS Quad: COCKEYSVILLE
Scale: 1:24,000

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0.5 MI. TO MD. 45
TOWSON (COURTHOUSE) 3.1 MI.
BALTIMORE (JUNG. U.S.) 9.1 MI.
(TOWSON) 5662' NE



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TEXAS METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

7 GALLOWAY AVENUE, COCKEYSVILLE

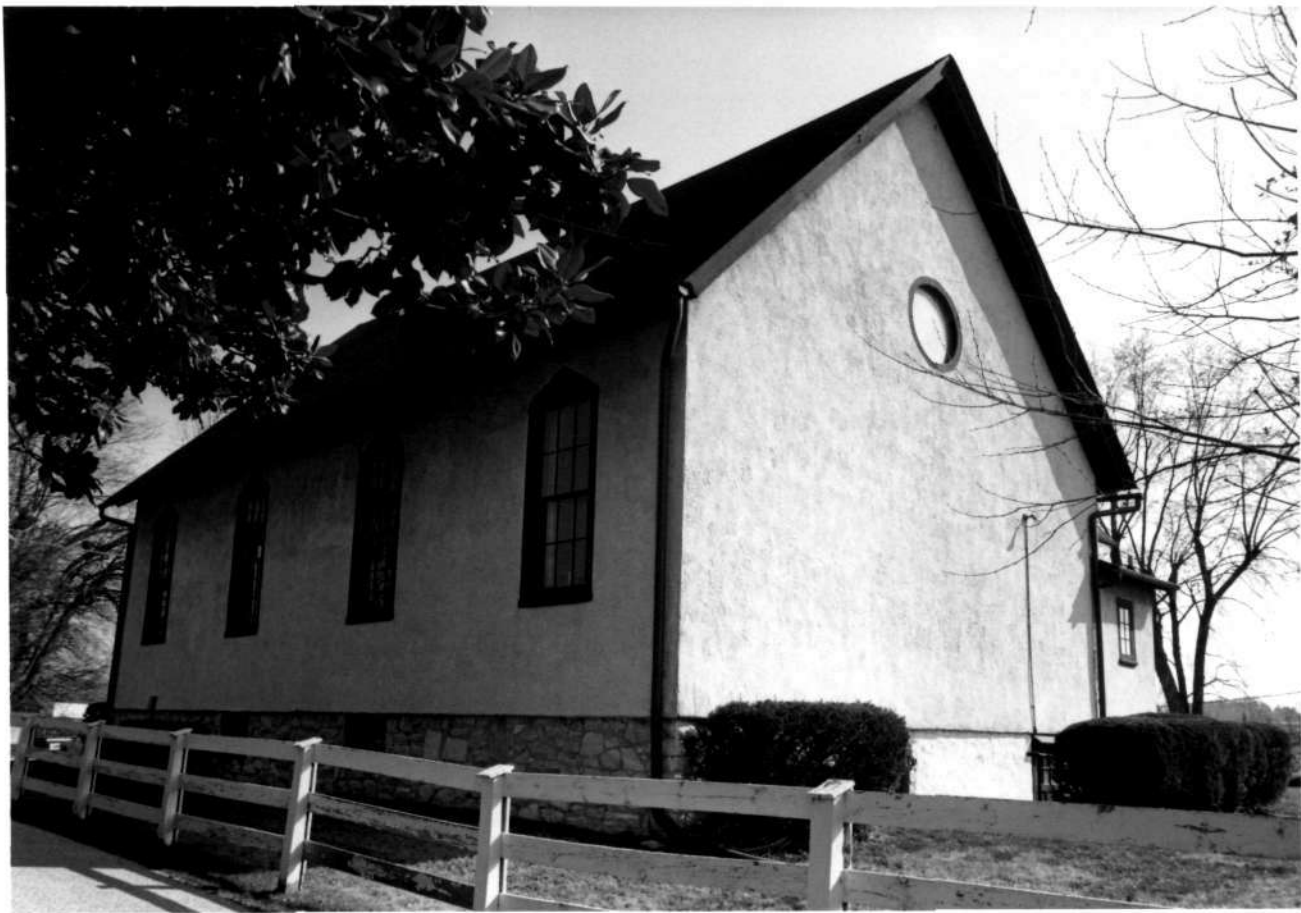
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TRACERIES

4/2001

MD SHPO

NORTHEAST CORNER, CAMERA FACING SOUTHWEST



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MD SHPD
SOUTHWEST CORNER, CAMERA FACING NORTHEAST

HISTORICAL SITES

SITE NO: 01795

NAME: TEXAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOCATION: GALLOWAY AVENUE, TEXAS

TAX MAP: 51 PARCEL NO: 382 PLAN AREA: 3 CENSUS: 4084

ELECT DIST: 8 COUNCIL DIST: 3 ZONING: ML IM ACRES:

MAP NO: 10 NORTH: EAST:

REG STATUS: 2 *MHT Inv.* OWNERSHIP: 3 *Priv.*

SPEC DATE: 1912 DATE PERIOD:

NTL DIST: CTY DIST:

LAND LIST: FUNCT CLAS: 8 *Church*STYLE: 22 *Vernac.*CONDITION: 2 *Good* FOUNDATION: 1 *Stone*WALL COVERING: 6 *Stucco* ROOF STYLE: 1 *Gable*PRIM SIGNF: 4 *Architect.* SEC SIGNF: 23 *Religion*

TERT SIGNF:

COMMENTS: SMALL RUSTIC TYPE CHAPEL IN PLAIN STYLE. OPEN BELFRY. TRIANGULAR WINDOW LINTELS TO SUGGEST GOTHIC. CHURCH ORGANIZED FEB. 1912. FIRST COMMENT 2: SERVICES ON THANKSGIVING DAY 1913. TOTAL COST \$5250.

COMMENT 3:

